

Capsule Summary  
SM-479  
Maddison C. Strickland House  
Great Mills vicinity  
Private

Circa 1935

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Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Modern Period, 1930 -.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PLACES

Survey No. **SM 479**

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DOE   yes   no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common **Maddison C. Strickland House**

**2. Location**

street & number **Route 5**

   not for publication

city, town **Great Mills**

  X   vicinity of

congressional district **5**

state **Maryland**

county **St. Mary's**

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  X  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>  X  </u> building(s)	<u>  X  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>  X  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  X  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  X  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name **Ronald J. and Barbara J. Miller**

street & number **385 A Willows Road**

telephone no.: (301) 862-1712

city, town **Lexington Park**

state and zip code **Maryland 20653**

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. **St. Mary's County Courthouse**

liber **MRB 485**

street & number

folio **275**

city, town **Leonardtown**

state **Maryland**

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date

   federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 3

The Maddison C. Strickland House is located at the end of an unpaved road on the north side of Route 5. The house lot is surrounded by a fenced horse pasture. Two original outbuildings stand on the west side of the house. The house faces south with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1935, the Strickland House is a one-and-a-half story structure supported by a cement foundation. The exterior is sheathed with weatherboard siding and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the roof ridgeline.

The south (main) elevation is pierced by a five-panel entrance door with three-light over one-panel sidelights and one six-over-six sash window with plain, wide surrounds. A shed roof porch supported by turned posts extends across the first floor. The plank floor and wainscoted ceiling of the porch remain intact. The second floor of the house is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with plain, wide surrounds. A louvered vent pierces the eave.

The east elevation is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with plain, wide surrounds on the first and second floor. A one-story, shed roof, brick addition extends to the north of the main block. This addition is pierced on the east side by one six-over-six sash window and one octagonal window. A porch supported by square posts extends to the north of the house.

The north elevation of the shed roof, brick addition is pierced by a central entrance door and three six-over-six sash windows. The second floor of this gable end elevation is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with plain, wide surrounds. A louvered vent pierces the eave.

The west elevation of the shed roof addition is pierced by one six-over-six sash window. The main block is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with plain, wide surrounds on the first and second floor.

A corn crib, a tobacco barn, and a modern outbuilding are located next to the house. The corn crib is supported by cement piers and is sheathed with vertical board siding. The roof consists of corrugated metal. A scalloped eave board decorates the south elevation of the structure. The tobacco barn, which has been converted for use as storage space and as a stable, is supported by cement piers and sheathed with vertical board siding. It is roofed with corrugated metal.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Unknown Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 AcresQuadrangle name St. Mary's CityQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Acreage surrounding the house and extending to Route 5

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's Co. Planning & Zoningdate January 1995street & number 328 Washington Streettelephone (301) 475 4662city or town Leonardtownstate Maryland 20650

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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7.1 Description

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The interior of the house consists of a front parlor and dining room. A chimney, formerly fitted with wood stoves, is located in the partition wall between these two rooms. A kitchen and study are located in the north end of the house. An enclosed stair provides access to the upper half story. Four bedrooms and a bathroom are located here. The house retains its interior wood flooring and plaster walls. Five-panel doors are located throughout the house.

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Chain of Title

TO: Ronald Joe Miller and Barbara Jane Miller  
FROM: T. David Jarboe and Janet J. Jarboe by James A. Kenney III, their attorney in fact.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 485, folio 275.

DATE: July 31, 1989.

NOTES: Transfer of Lot 1 being 9.1574 acres of the subdivision "Lot 1 Free's Subdivision" (see plat MRB 31/53) being part of MRF 128/169.

TO: T. David Jarboe and Janet J. Jarboe

FROM: Lela C. Strickland

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRF 128, folio 169.

DATE: May 20, 1966.

NOTES: Transfer of "Hunting Neck or "The Willow Tree Farm" being 106 acres.

TO: Maddison C. Strickland and Lela C. Strickland

FROM: First National Bank Of St. Mary's

— RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 17, folio 377.

DATE: September 15, 1945.

NOTES: Transfer of "Hunting Neck or "The Willow Tree Farm" being 106 acres.

TO: First National Bank Of St. Mary's

FROM: James T. Russell, widower

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 8, folio 68.

DATE: August 2, 1932.

NOTES: Transfer of two parcels 1.) portion of the tract "Hunting Neck" or "The Willow Tree Farm" lying on the north side of the public road from Great Mills to Park Hall being 113 acres except 7 acres located south of the road

TO: James T. Russell and Pearl E. Russell

FROM: Robert W. Knotts and Katie Knotts

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 15, folio 526.

DATE: December 16, 1916.

NOTES: Transfer of "Hunting Neck" or "The Willow Tree Farm" being 113 acres.  
Price: \$2500

TO: Robert W. Knotts of Caroline County.

FROM: Helen A. Bradshaw, widow of John J. Bradshaw of Baltimore City.

— RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 9, folio 183.

DATE: January 19, 1911.

NOTES: Transfer of "Hunting Neck" or "The Willow Tree Farm" being 120 acres of



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which John J. Bradshaw died possessed (see will PHD 1/319). Price: \$1850.

TO: John J. Bradshaw of Baltimore

FROM: Nannie M. Combs and Charlotte C. McSherry of Washington D.C.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 1, folio 223.

DATE: July 1, 1893.

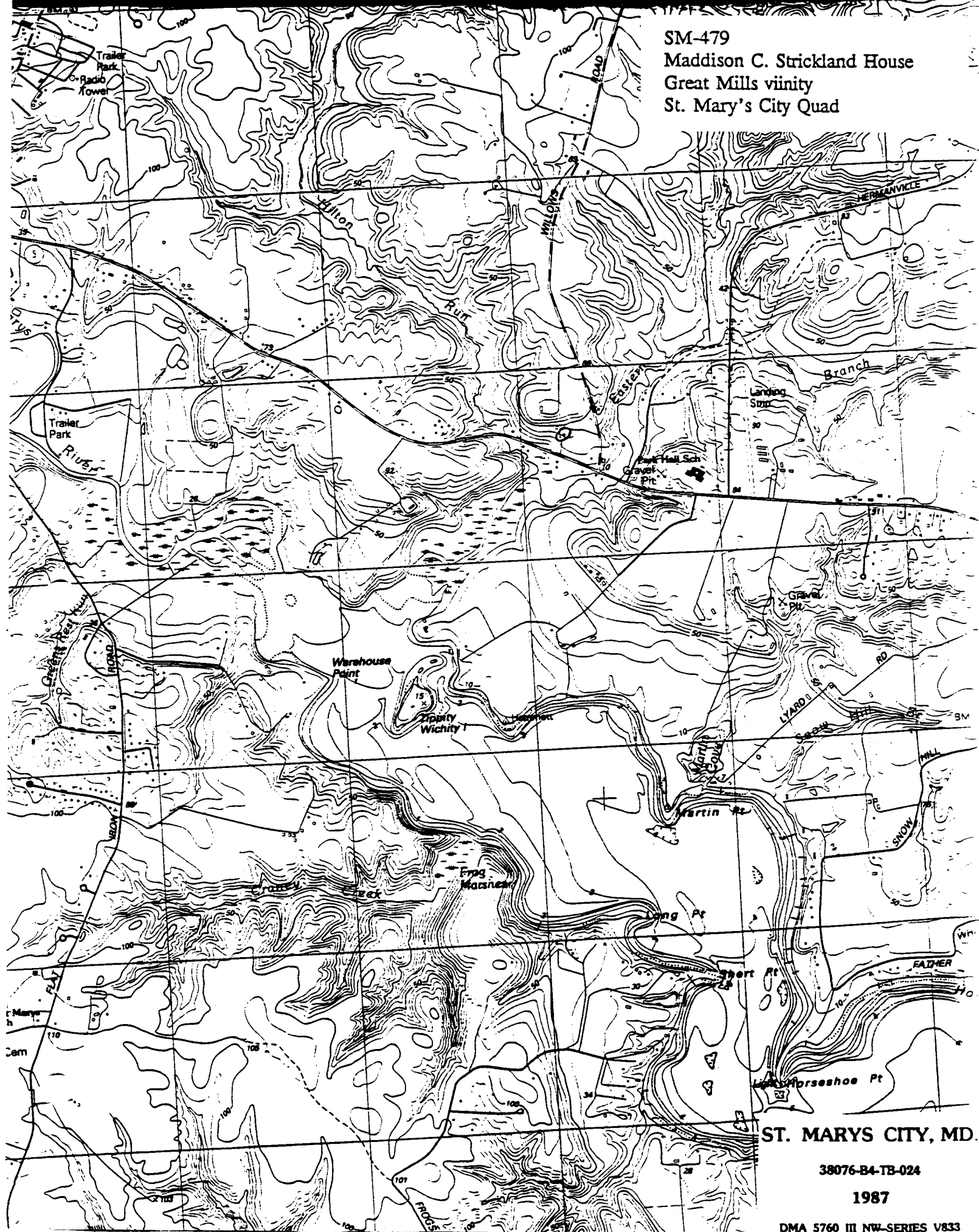
NOTES: Transfer of the lower or eastern portion of the tract "Hunting Neck" or "The Willow Tree Farm" being 120 acres deducting a six acre portion sold to Thomas J. Airey. Price: \$850

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